

China Mail.

Established February, 1845.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1889.

日四初月二十年子戊

Price, \$2 PER MONTH.

Intimations.

NOTICE will be RECEIVED at this Office, up to Noon on the 10th Inst., SUPPLY of 8 OLD JUNKS of 100 to 1,000 Pounds Capacity each. Each JUNK must be provided with 2 Sails and 2 Anchors, and One or Two Sails must be carried, and must be capable of carrying a full Cargo of stone or other dead weight.

Where Tenders are accepted, the JUNKS will be required to be delivered at the Junk Anchorage off the Harbour Office.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
H.R. Com., R.N.
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1889.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THIS Company having PURCHASED the MILLS from the HONGKONG STEAM SAW MILL CO. (LTD.), Bowrington, are prepared to Contract for the Supply of BORNEO and other TIMBERS, in Logs or sawn, of any dimensions, at short notice. The Company are also prepared to undertake GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS to any of its Branches in BORNEO.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents in Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY,
LIMITED.

A PARCEL DELIVERY EXPRESS and WAITING ROOM will be established from the 1st January, 1889, at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Pedder's Street, (opposite the Wharf).

PARCEL OFFICE.

Two Parcel Deliveries per day will be made between Hongkong, Kowloon and HONGKONG.

Parcels sent on Board the Company's Boat at Kowloon to the custody of the Collector, who will grant a Receipt for the same, will be delivered to the address in Hongkong.

Parcels received at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Pedder's Street, will be delivered to the address at Kowloon or HONGKONG as the case may be.

CONDITIONS.
Weight.—Not to exceed 7 lbs.
Fees.—Not to exceed \$50 (Fifty Dollars).

CHARGES.
For Subscribers, for each Delivery, 10 cents.
For Non-Subscribers, for each Delivery, 20 cents.

Parcels in excess of 7 lbs. will be charged for at the rate of 8 cents, for each additional pound. The Company will not be responsible for more than \$50 (Fifty Dollars), on any one package.

WAITING ROOM
will be opened from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, (Sundays excepted), No. 1, Pedder's Wharf.

By Order, A. G. GORDON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 29, 1888.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY,
LIMITED.

KOWLOON FERRY.

ONE of the COMPANY'S LAUNCHES runs daily as a FERRY BOAT between Pedder's Wharf and Kowloon Point at the following hours:

LEAVES KOWLOON.		LEAVES HONGKONG.	
8.10 A.M.	1.40 P.M.	6.25 A.M.	2.10 P.M.
8.40 " "	2.10 " "	6.55 " "	2.40 " "
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12.10 P.M.	5.40 " "	10.25 " "	6.10 " "
12.40 P.M.	6.10 " "	10.55 " "	6.40 " "
NIGHT SERVICE.		NIGHT SERVICE.	
10.30 P.M.	11.00 P.M.	10.30 P.M.	11.00 P.M.
11.30 " "	12.00 " "	11.30 " "	12.00 " "

SCALE OF FARES.
Single Fare, Per Month.

For one adult, 10 Cents. \$2.00
" Chinese, 5 " " 1.00
" Children, 2 " " 0.50
" Servants, 2 " " 0.50
" Sedan Chairs, 15 " " 1.50
" Soldiers, Sailors or Police (in Uniform), 10 " " 1.00
" Book of Coupons for 20 Trips, \$1.

Night Service.—All Passengers whether Subscribers or otherwise will be charged 10 Cents each way.

Book of Coupons, 20 Trips, \$2.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, and cancellations at previous ones.

By Order, A. G. GORDON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 29, 1888.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAY COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE.

UPPER DAYS.
Quarter of an hour.
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Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW FULLY STOCKED WITH

SEASONABLE GOODS.

WINTER HOSIERY.

GLOVES for Morning and Evening Wear.

REGULATION TANNED MILITARY GLOVES.

FOOTBALL and TENNIS JERSEYS.

SWEATERS and YACHTING JACKETS.

TRAVELLING RUGS and SHAWLS.

TWEED DRESSING GOWNS.

BLANKETS and EIDER-DOWN QUILTS.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 24, 1888.

W. POWELL & Co.

HAVE JUST LANDED

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF
PORTMANTEAUS, TRAVELLING BAGS, GLASSSTONE BAGS, OVERLAND TRUNKS, SARATOGA TRUNKS, STEEL TRUNKS, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 2, 1889.

NEW GOODS.

TALL SILK HATS.

BLACK, BROWN, and

GRAY HATS, with

FEATHERS, and

other soft felts.

TURNED HATS and Caps in

new shapes.

STRAW and PITH HATS.

SILK UMBRELLAS, from \$5,

over 10 to choose from.

WALKING STICKS, a very

large assortment.

WATERPROOF COATS, LEOP-

ARDS and CHAIR APRONS.

TRAVELLING RUGS and SCOTCH

MATS.

OVER COATINGS, light and

OVER COATINGS, Ulster

Tweeds.

READY-MADE VESTERS IN

STOCK.

Robt. Lang & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888.

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central

and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost

the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government

Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-

larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most

comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOT is always provided and served in the spacious

large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard

and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be NO SPOON or other

COMPETITIONS until further

Notice.

A SHELTON HOOPER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 3, 1889.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,

LIMITED.

WE beg to announce to the Medical Pro-

fession and to the European and

Chinese Community of Hongkong, that our

Pharmacy at

No. 22, QUEEN'S ROAD,

IS

NOW OPEN

FOR BUSINESS.

The DISPENSING DEPARTMENT

being considered of the FIRST IMPORT-

ANCE, is entirely under the control of fully

qualified and experienced EUROPEAN

ASSISTANTS.

For the Pharmaceutical and Retail part of

the Business the Stock is in rapid course of

completion, and will be kept up by regular

and frequent importations so as to secure

the freshest and most active condition of all

MEDICINES.

DRUGS,

AND

CHEMICALS.

To our SPECIALITIES we would beg to

draw attention, as from the quality of the

materials used, and the skill brought to

bear in their preparation, we venture to

assert that our proprietary Medicines will

be as favourable comparison with those

manufactured by the leading Pharmacists

of Great Britain.

Our London Agents, the well known

and famous DAKIN BROS., have instructions

to purchase for us in First Class Markets

only, so that we can guarantee that each

article sold is the best of its kind.

22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, December 29, 1888.

January 2, 1889.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A SECRETARY IS WANTED for the

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE.

Applications to be addressed to the

CHAIRMAN, on an early date.

Hongkong, December 20, 1888.

MOORE'S GOGO SHAMPOO

WASH.

THIS WASH HAS PROVED ITSELF TO BE THE

BEST PREPARATION EVER PRE-

SENTED TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Bases of this compound is made of

Gogo Root. The natives of the Phi-

lippine Islands never use anything else for

washing their hair; you never see them bald,

and it is quite common to see the females

with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By using

this SHAMPOO WASH, the hair is directed,

and the scalp is kept cool, being entirely con-

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Mails.

Accidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

First-class fares granted as follows:—
To San Francisco, \$200.00
To San Francisco and return, \$350.00
To Liverpool, \$325.00
To London, \$330.00
To other European ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.
Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific Railways.
Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.
Consular invoices to accompany cargo, destined to ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information apply to the Agent or Passenger, to the Agency or the Company, No. 104, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, December 19, 1888. 2144

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUVA, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND

SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, ARSHELLES, AND PORTS BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 9th January, 1889, at Noon, the Company's

CALDONIEN, Commandant MAUREL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places.

Cargo and Species will be registered for

London as well as for Marseilles, and will be sent on board, they must be left at

Agency's Office.

Passengers and value of Packages are re-

turned.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1888. 2202

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

MAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAYS, LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *ABYSSINIA*, 3,651 Tons Register, G. A. Lee, Com-

mander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., and KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1889, at 3 p.m.

To be followed by the S.S. *PARANA*, on the 12th February, and S.S. *PARANA*, on the 7th March.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco, by the regular Steamers of the

PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-

land, France, and Germany by all trans-

Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver and Victoria, Mex. \$160.00

To San Francisco, Mex. \$175.00

To all common points in Can. \$200.00

To London, \$300.00

To other European ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to

Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular invoices to accompany cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District

Agent, No. 104, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 9th January.

All parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1888. 2104

QUEEN-FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

Entertainments.

G. CRIARIN'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

AT BOWRINGTON.

OPEN

Every Night,

At 8, commencing at 9 sharp.

Saturdays, 2 Performances,

Doors open at 3, and commencing at 3.30 p.m.

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK.

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK.

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK.

TO-NIGHT, A MAGNIFICENT PROGRAMME, MANY & NOVEL FEATS.

TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME, 'LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,'

Danced on Horseback, by Mlle. LE BOUVE.

HARRISTON MISS VICTORIA FLAHERTY, MISS JENNIE, MISS EMILY HOWLAND, MR. W. B. HARRISTON, MR. GEORGE HARRISTON, MR. H. GODWART, and MR. CARTER. These difficult and intricate quadrilles are directed by Mr. W. B. HARRISTON.

Pacific Contest of Skill, Strength, and Dexterity, in the School of Physical Education, by the whole Company.

Remember this is the LAST WEEK of this FIRST-CLASS EXHIBITION.

COME ONE, COME ALL, PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERY ONE.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!

Boxes with 6 Chairs, \$9.00

Singla Chairs in Boxes, 1.50

Dress Circle Chairs, 1.00

Carpet Seats, 0.50

Galleys, 0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery, 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 5, 1889. 2226

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

will (By Special Request) give

TWO MORE PERFORMANCES OF

GIORRETT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA

'IOLANTHE,'

ON

THURSDAY & SATURDAY,

the 11th and 12th January, 1889.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.

Tickets for the Performance of 10th January will be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on Wednesday, 2nd January, and for that of 12th January, on Friday, 4th, at 9 o'clock a.m.

R. LYALL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 28, 1888. 2207

To Let.

TO LET.

PEAK—LA HACIENDA, formerly occupied by Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS.

Apply to H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 2006

TO LET.

(Immediate Possession.)

BUNGALOW No. 35, Pokfulam Road, and Third Street.

From 1st June, 1889.

HOUSE No. 1, 'CAMERON YIELDS' East, PEAK.

Apply to BELILIOS & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1889. 10

TO LET.

OFFICES and GODOWNS now occupied by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES COMPANY, being No. 8, Praya Central. Possession from 1st February next. The Premises can be let partly.

Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 123, Queen's Road Central; or to O. EWENS, Hongkong, January 2, 1889. 1024

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS,' OFFICES in 'VICTORIA BUILDINGS,' from 1st February.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SOHNS & Co., Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 504

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents of the above

Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

CILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 14

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Fire Department.

Insurances for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Insurances for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HONGKONG ASSURANCE CO. & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 1760

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG ALMANACK.

For the Year of Our Lord 1889.

BY BRUCE SHEPHERD.

CONTAINING:—THE CALENDAR AND ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA FOR THE YEAR CONNECTED TO HONGKONG CIVIL TIME; also information respecting THE COLONY AND NEARBY SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, METEOROLOGICAL AND GENERAL STATISTICS, TRADE TABLES, POSTAL REGULATIONS, &c., &c.

PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

HONGKONG: Printed and Published by KELLY & WALSH, Limited.

Hongkong, January 5, 1889. 28

PUBLIC AUCTION.

OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS.

THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 11th January, 1889, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

THE REMAINING PORTION consisting of

ABOUT 30 LOTS OF THE FINE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN AND CURIOS,

Received from Peking, and comprising:—

VASES, JARS, PLATES, BASINS, CUPS, &c., &c., in FINE COLOURS, BLUE, YELLOW, GREEN, and IMPERIAL MAINTAINING THE FINEST OF THE MING DYNASTY WORKMANSHIP.

BEYOND FIVE COLOURED SCREENS, CARVED AND ENAMELED, PEKIN SNUFF BOTTLES, SILK EMBROIDERIES, AND OTHER CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on Thursday next.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1889. 31

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A General Meeting of the Company will be held at No. 1, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 17th day of January instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

By Order, A. G. GORDON, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 5, 1889. 30

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Byetta, German barque, Capt. Weiss.

Wilder & Co.

JARIN, British steamer, Capt. Gardner.

David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 5, 1889:

Ulysses, British steamer, 1,523 S. Butler, Kobe December 30, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Anton, German steamer, 305 E. Aereboe, Pakhoi January 1, and Huihoo 3, General—WILDER & Co.

Albany, British steamer, 1, 93, E. Porter, Vancouver via Yokohama December 29, Mails and General—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Fujian, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

Hai Phong, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, Kobe December 31, General and Coal—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Slender, for Amoy and Shanghai.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Ulysses* reports:—

Had strong Northerly winds and dull weather.

The British steamer *Albany* reports:—

Left Victoria December 27th, had a continual succession of terrific N.W. and S.W. gales with mountainous sea the whole passage; left Yokohama December 29th, moderate to fresh N.W. and S.W. winds, with rain on the Japan Coast; thence to this port, moderate monsoon and fine weather.

The British steamer *Hai Phong* reports:—

Left Kobe 30th ult., and experienced fine weather through the Inland Sea 31st; thence strong N.E. gale, with high sea and drizzling rain to the 3rd instant; thence to port, had moderate N. to N.E. winds, with overcast weather.

EXPORT CARGOES.

For S. S. *Ulysses*, sailed 30th December:—

For New York, 200 cases Preserves, 43 pkgs. Cheese, 10 rolls Matting, 10 casks Glycerine and 944 pkgs. Merchandise.

For S. S. *Pechang*, sailed 2nd January:—

From Hongkong, Canton and Macao:—

For London, 140 bales Fine Silk, 29 cases Silk Piece Goods, 470 bales Waste Silk, 30 bales Pungun Silk, 43 pkgs. Sundries; for France, 200 boxes Tea, containing 6000 lbs. Congou, 362 bales Fine Silk, 46 cases Silk Piece Goods and 57 bales Waste Silk. For New York, 5 cases Silk Goods.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be

With regard to the fatal accident which occurred yesterday to Joseph Dorrick, a member of the crew of B.M.'s steam-transport *Himalaya*, an inquiry was held at the Magistrate's office. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased and his companions, having gone to the tramway station shortly after ten o'clock, and ascertained that there would not be a car going to the Peak till noon, started to make the journey on foot. They had got as far as the third bridge, along the girders of which they were crawling on their hands and knees (there being no other means of getting across), when the car fell through between the metals and fractured his skull. The Magistrate found the case one of accidental death.

Junior Denny has gone to Japan on his way back to Corea.

According to the *N.C. Daily News*, all the capital of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, limited, with the exception of the share which have been reserved for London, has been subscribed for, and applicants for shares will receive allotments in full.

Korea.—We learn that the Customs authorities in Korea are sent circulars round the Korean ports notifying the public that a branch of the Chinese Post Office has been started in that country, in connection with the Customs, and that mail matter will be accepted for any of the Postal Union countries. Chinese postage stamps may be had at any of the Korean Customs Offices. Hitherto only the Japanese Post Offices forwarded mail matter from Korea to Postal Union countries.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* says:—The exhibition of the electric light during the past fortnight has been a source of considerable wonder and observation to the natives. The light, which is introduced for the palace, has been on view in Legation Street and has attracted crowds of people to see it, including some of the Ministers from the Tung-ti Yamen, and officials from the palace itself. The exhibition has been a highly satisfactory one.

The American community in Shanghai are signing a petition to the President of the United States, with a view to the retention of General Kennedy as Consul-General, a step which we need hardly say would be most gratifying to not only to his own national but to the whole foreign community in Shanghai. The petition has been signed by the local Chinese authorities.—*N.C. Daily News*.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

The St. John's Ambulance Association, called into existence about three months ago, has concluded its first session. The following candidates passed the "First Aid" Examination held on Friday, Dec. 21st, 1889: Deputy Surgeon General Lewis, R.M.C., being Examiners. The names are alphabetically arranged:—Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Orsler, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. May.

Mr. May passed the third examination and is entitled to the medal of the Association.

Mr. May is the first Chinese woman, so far as we know, who has obtained the certificate; she is nurse at the Alice Memorial Hospital, and the technical training she has received in the course just finished will be of great use to her in her duties.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That your contemporary seems to be following your example, and now discusses the vanishing quantity of a Highlander's brooks with as much gusto as several of your correspondents did the bustles of the ladies.

That our staid old friend of the Press has been rather original of late, and has stuck out into stringing off not dangerous channels during these few days.

That his reference to late Vice-Consul of Macao was not the best taste, although perhaps not intentionally so.

That the Alice Memorial Fete was, so far as I can learn, a banal success, as it certainly was altogether a very pretty show.

That notwithstanding the facts, I have a notion that it would be better, all things considered, to change the mode of procuring funds for this deserving institution.

That the chair-bait at cushion lotteries and the universal way to scrape in dollars by dexterity and artifice are apt to pull upon residents, and a really good, useful and charitable institution like the Alice Memorial Hospital should not be reduced to such expedients for its existence and maintenance.

That the Directors have found a Noble successor to Mr. Thom Jackson.

That, apropos of Legislative Council versus Companies' Board meetings, the report of Hon. T. Jackson Governor Bowen

has been very unkind on a late session.—There is an unofficial member round this table who as Director of a Public Company is not deal with matters ten times the importance of those discussed at this Council meeting.

That your report of a Council meeting gave strong confirmation of a remark I have frequently made in this column, to the effect that our old know absolutely nothing about the shipping trade.

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That Mr. Layton had his attention chiefly taken up by saying he was sorry about that ill-conceived amendment he had suggested and begged to withdraw.

That beyond Mr. Ryrie's lunge in the dark, which did not quite amount to a protest, nothing but hopeless ignorance and scandalous apathy were shown towards the most vital interests of the Colony—that is to say, the shipping facilities of this free Port.

That, as the old war-horse put it, 'We must watch jealously that no impositions are laid on shipping that can possibly be avoided,' and though the great chiefdom of our amateur legislators merely meant to say 'Don't do as I do (i.e., never look into the details of a bill), but do as I tell you,' it was truly a melancholy spectacle to see that no one knew the simplest elements of what was being passed into law.

That in view of this general paralysis in the Council, and of the consideration that commercial questions of any kind sever are far beyond the sphere of official life, something ought to be done to obtain reliable facts about our shipping facilities.

That a Committee might be nominated, consisting of the Harbour Master and leading shipping men, to frame rules which would bear out the fullest freedom and give the greatest facilities for transacting shipping business in this Port.

That perhaps some facts regarding fees and perquisites would then come to light which would certainly never be revealed voluntarily at the Council table.

That one point should at once be arranged for, as has been recently done by the Board of Trade at Home—viz., that some may be engaged on board by a duly-authorized official, instead of every such transaction having to be elaborated at the Shipping Office.

That it would be interesting to know how much special fees for this facility now amount to in the 'Miscellaneous receipts,' and why special facilities of this kind should not be granted here and properly provided for in this port as well as at Home.

That the shipping of a new crew takes a day to accomplish, while the whole thing could be done in an hour, were a Harbour Master's official to attend on board when desired.

That for this facility a substantial fee would, I am informed, never be objected to, on account of the saving of time secured, while it would materially increase the revenue.

That where despatch and prompt movements are rendered possible amongst shipping, no shipowner ever grudges to pay; but increased fees and no consideration of time (which is money to the shipowner) make merchants replete and discontented with the bungling of ignorant officials.

That now an effort is proposed to be made to consolidate and amend the shipping laws here, let something be done that will do credit to the enormous interests which centre in this Port of Hongkong.

That people are asking whether the Harbour Master is ever consulted by the Executive about nautical and shipping concerns.

That the Chamber of Commerce must look after mercantile interests if the Council cannot do so, and see that this opportunity of obtaining thorough and useful rules for shipping is not missed.

That after a rest of six weeks the fire-bell gave tongue on Thursday night, and some residents lost their large and penates, but it is rumoured Chianlin will make good the damage.

That people have been asking me whether the Literary Society inaugurated with such a flourish was a still-born production.

That things begin to wear a homely aspect, and discussions wax warm on the respective merits of pony-fash.

That Lady De Vaux's last 'at Home' was one of the largest gatherings of the kind at Government House, and it is generally admitted that one of the felt wants is a ball-room wherein the first lady of the Colony may fully entertain her guests.

That the idea of a Chinese syndicate employing nearly a score of steam-launches on the rivers around and above Canton recalls to mind the futile efforts formerly made to open up the West River for foreign trade.

That I am informed there are a large number of privately-owned steam-launches here for which their owners are unable to obtain certificates of ownership owing to defects in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

That the Committee which I propose should sit to frame Harbour rules would probably understand this much better than the Law Revision Committee ever would.

That although I do not profess to understand this matter much better than a Council member, I am told that a 10-ton cutter at Home can get all the documents necessary for her protection in Continental ports, while any of our local launches venturing into Chinese open ports (say Canton, for instance) would be pretty sure to be seized on some pretext or other, if without proper papers.

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FAREWELL TO THE 58th REGIMENT.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC TESTIMONIALS.

The community of Hongkong took a public farewell of the 58th Regiment this afternoon, when testimonials of the good opinion which the gallant Steelbacks have gained for themselves during their stay here were presented by Hon. P. Ryrie, as spokesman for the community. There was a large gathering at the Parade Ground on the occasion, most of the leading citizens being present. His Excellency the Governor, who has already shown his appreciation of the Regiment's good qualities, was no doubt kept from taking part in this ceremony solely on account of the fact that his presence might be taken as establishing a precedent. General Cameron, accompanied by his staff, arrived at five o'clock, and was received with the customary salutes by the regiment which was drawn up in line facing Murray Barracks. Immediately afterwards Mr. Ryrie, along with the other members of the Testimonial Committee, entered the Parade Ground and approached Col. Anderson.

Mr. Ryrie said:—Colonel Anderson, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, the pleasing duty has been assigned to me of presenting an address to the Colonel and officers of the regiment. That duty is one which I accepted with the greatest pleasure. I have had perhaps more experience of regiments in this Colony than any one present; I was here in the old days of the 59th, in 1850, and regiment after regiment has come here since, and I am happy to say that with these regiments I have always been on the most friendly relations, with their colonels and officers and also with their men; and I can say for this regiment which is now leaving us that they can compare most favourably with any regiment I think that ever we had here (hear hear). They have assisted in the great work of the Colony, and they have done everything that a regiment should do to make this place a place where life was endurable. The fact is I don't know what we should do without a regiment here (hear hear). And this regiment leaves us with the greatest regrets on the part of every member of this community (hear hear). We appreciate them in every way, and we wish them success in whatever part of the globe they may be sent to do their duty as soldiers (hear hear). Their record is a splendid one. No regret that the British Army has lost a regiment that the regiment I have the honour of addressing just now, and I hope that wherever they may go in future, the officers of this regiment may earn honour, renown and promotion, which I am sure they will. I don't know what we have had a good many officers who have distinguished themselves in after years. We have had General Gordon, Lord Napier, General Wolsey, General Probyn, and a number of other officers who have won honours and fame, and I hope this will be the honour of the officers of this regiment—that they will all, from the Colonel downwards, distinguish themselves as eminent members of the British Army (hear hear).

I being a layman, can say nothing about their soldierly qualities, although we have a good record of what their soldierly qualities have been, but as citizens they have been eminently well-behaved and they have done everything that a citizen should do in this Colony. I don't know that I can say anything more for them. I am sure, wherever they may go, that they will keep up the character of the regiment, and that the old Steelbacks may on every occasion when their services are required in the field, I don't forget to keep up that character, as I have no doubt they will. I don't think I have anything more to say, except to read the address, which is as follows:—

To Colonel ANDERSON, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, Hongkong, 1st January, 1880.

SIR.—On the eve of your departure from this Colony, in which you have been stationed for the usual full period of three years, the residents desiring to mark their appreciation of the soldierly qualities of the Regiment, and the estimation both Officers and men are held in by the Community. Although Hongkong during the last 47 years has been visited by many Regiments of distinction in Her Majesty's Army, and the residents have seen many Battalions come and go are of opinion that no finer or better behaved Corps has ever been stationed in our midst.

In all forms of Sport your Regiment has always been to the front. In Sports, Shooting, Cricket, and Football, you have kept alive a healthy competition with excellent results.

It may truly be said that socially the Officers of the Old Northamptonshire Regiment have gained peaceful laurels that long and green in the memory of the residents.

The community beg your acceptance of a piece of plate, which they hope will occupy a honoured place on your mess table, and will testify for many a day to come the high esteem in which the gallant 58th were held during their stay in Hongkong.

In saying good bye we wish the Steelbacks every good fortune, and we feel confident that the progress of time will not dim rather add lustre to the fame already acquired by the Regiment.

We have the honour to be, Sirs, your obedient servants,

(Signed by the Committee, as follows:—)

P. RYRIE, M.L.C. (Chairman.)

B. LAYTON, M.L.C.

W. H. FURZE, M.L.C.

M. GEORGE.

J. F. HOLLIDAY, T. JACKSON.

H. J. MOBY.

A. G. BAXTER.

E. A. SCOTLAND.

J. H. NEWART LOCKHART (Ex. Secretary).

Mr. Ryrie then advanced to the Band and said:—I have much pleasure in presenting you with a small testimonial of the appreciation of this community of the way you have contributed to the good of the Colony during your stay here. There is no member of this community who I can remember who has been here longer than you, and I am sure that you have been a good way of which this land has been benefited. I am sure that you will be remembered by the community as a good man, and I am sure that you will be remembered by the community as a good man.

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certainties, except attending them in a perfunctory manner (laughter), but I am quite sure that the dancing ladies and the dancing gentlemen appreciated you in every way (hear hear). The community has very much pleasure in offering you a small piece of plate, and also a sum of money will be placed at the service of your band president for distribution in his discretion. I have much pleasure in handing you this piece of plate, Mr. Moran. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Colonel Anderson—On behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, I have to thank you, Mr. Ryrie, for your complimentary remarks and your kindly expressions, and also the community of Hongkong for the address which they have been so kind as to present to the Regiment. It is a high honour, and it is a greater honour on account of their being so many nationalities represented in the community. As soldiers we have only done our duty, and that duty has been made all the lighter by the warm, hearty and cordial manner you received us, being perfect strangers, and on our national points. We shall long remember the friendly smiles we have had both by land and water. The kind way you speak of the 58th as the old Northamptonshire Regiment, and the old days under the old standard. A new name and a new designation may be given to you, but the old name of the Steelbacks will be ever retained and cherished. I have the honour to accept the address and the piece of plate for the community of Hongkong. They have been pleased to present to this Regiment. It will be handed down from one generation to another as a standing memorial of our happy sojourn in Hongkong, amongst those who will hold the sceptre of commerce in this the truest gem of our empire (cheers).

Three cheers were then given for the officers and one cheer more for the Gallant Colonel and the men, after marching past, dispersed.

The piece of plate presented to the regiment, a fine specimen of native workmanship, not being yet finished could not be handed over this afternoon. The address was enclosed in a handsome silver-mounted case. The piece of plate presented to Mr. Moran is a handsome and richly chased silver cup.

A presentation, which took the form, we believe, of a cheque for \$100, was made by the Hongkong Cricket Club to the Band of the Regiment as a token of their appreciation of the services rendered by the Band in playing at many of the Cricket matches. The following correspondence will explain the matter:—

Hongkong, Jan. 4th, 1880.

Dear Sir,—Before the departure of the 58th Regiment for Singapore, the members of the Hongkong Cricket Club desire to mark their appreciation of the pleasure they have derived during the past three years from the music of the Band of the Regiment, by presenting Bandmaster Moran and the Bandmen with the enclosed Memento of their stay in our midst.

Yours &c.,

ARTHUR K. TRAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

The Band President,

The 58th Regiment.

Murray Barracks, Jan. 4th, 1880.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by Colonel Anderson and the officers of the 58th Regiment to thank you on behalf of the Band for the very handsome present made to them by the Hongkong Cricket Club. We only regret that our departure from Hongkong prevents the Band from being able to present to you the piece of plate which you are good enough to say they have sometimes done during the past three years.

Yours &c.,

E. O. SMITH, Lt. Northamptonshire Regt., Bandmaster and President.

Arthur K. Traylor, Esq., Hon. Secretary, H. K. C. C.

CHINESE NOTES.

(From a Correspondent.)

In a leading article in the *Kuang Pao* appears an original suggestion submitted by an official of Fuchow as to the best means to insure the confinement of the waters of the Yellow River within its banks, and as to the most efficacious measure for the evasion of all those dreadful calamities, ruinous disasters and reckless loss of life which have so truly been instrumental in giving the river the qualification of 'China's Sorrow.' Now that the officials have been formally notified that the repairs to the breach should continue good for three years at least and that any accidents must be compensated by them, he makes bold to submit his proposal, the more so as heretofore no efficacious plan has been devised, and as no more solid embankment has been erected to confine the stream than earth and rubble. In view of the superiority, which he readily admits, of machinery over human labour, he proposes that dredgers should be purchased to dig a deep channel for the river, and that the dredgers should be paid by the amount of earth and rubble they dig up. He says that the work will require comparatively a short time to be accomplished, the breach will be permanently stopped, misfortune will be obviated, the people will reap incalculable benefits, and the Government will save the enormous sums required from time to time for repairs. By means of dredgers he shows the Suez Canal was successfully completed and steamers saved the long journey round the Cape, and the employment of dredgers at the Yellow River will effect a saving of time more worth a hundred times its cost. The work, he concludes, will be permanent and enduring and will render any breach nearly impossible. The bars and iron stings could be purchased abroad, and it is telegraphed that the dredgers could be purchased abroad, and it is telegraphed that the dredgers could be purchased abroad, and it is telegraphed that the dredgers could be purchased abroad.

Referring to the same incident, the *N.C. Daily News* says:—Our Tientsin contemporary in its number of the 1st December had a paragraph in the *Peking Notes* purporting to describe what occurred when the Count de Bardi and party visited the Temple of Heaven on the 27th November. There are some inaccuracies in the note which it is just as well to correct. In the first place, it was not the German Minister who was refused by the Tung-ti Yamen Commissioner for his guests, Count de Bardi and party, to visit the Temple. It was the Tung-ti Yamen which refused the permission when it was applied for by the Count de Bardi, or his representative. Further, we are informed that the Count de Bardi was not refused by the Tung-ti Yamen Commissioner for his guests, Count de Bardi and party, to visit the Temple. It was the Tung-ti Yamen which refused the permission when it was applied for by the Count de Bardi, or his representative. 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